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by deleting all language after Section 1 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) In order to encourage and support excellence within the state's system of public education, on or before November 15th each year the state board of education shall designate up to three (3) alternative schools as Tennessee's model alternative schools.

Prior to designating model alternative schools each year, the board shall solicit nominations from across the state. Prior to designating an alternative school as a model, the board, or a subcommittee thereof, shall conduct at least one on-site visit of such school.

Subject to the availability of funding for such purposes, as contained within the state's annual appropriation act, the board may award state grants to the alternative schools selected as models. In any year, the dollar amount of any such grant to any such school shall be determined by the board but shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per school. Payment of any such grant shall be conditional upon agreement by the alternative school to provide informational and consultative assistance to other local education agencies across the state that may desire to emulate, in whole or in part, such

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model school. Payment of any such grant shall also be conditional upon agreement by the local education agency to expend such grant exclusively for the benefit of the alternative school and in no way to reduce or otherwise reallocate the current funding level for such alternative school to offset the amount of such grant or any portion thereof. Any such grant shall be in addition to all other funds which may be otherwise appropriated or allocated for such alternative school and is not intended to supplant any other funding resource.

The board shall take appropriate actions to publicize its activities in implementing the provisions of this subsection and to publicize the activities and achievements of the model alternative schools.

(2) Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, the board shall develop and implement, to the extent that funding is specifically provided for such purpose within the state's annual appropriations act, a series of regional conferences across the state in order to showcase Tennessee's model alternative schools and shall also develop and implement a system of competitive grants in order to encourage and support efforts by local education agencies to replicate the components of one or more of the model alternative schools. Prior to receiving any such replication grant, a local education agency must demonstrate a broad base of community support; must propose a realistic funding proposal whereby continuation of such replication efforts, beyond the

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period of the replication grant, is probable; and must accept such grant subject to the conditions and restrictions established by the board.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to constitute an appropriation of funds.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it, and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2005, at which time this act is hereby repealed.

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